



Image

AF | 2839

PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE

APPLICATION OF: Kent E. Regnier

SERIAL NO.: 09/482,135

FILED: January 12, 2000

FOR: CONNECTOR HAVING SUPPORTIVE BARRIER COMPONENTS

EXAMINER: C. Prasad

ART UNIT: 2839

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: 99-247 US

I hereby certify that this document along with any documents referred to as being attached, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below as first class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner of Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.

~~Date~~

Date

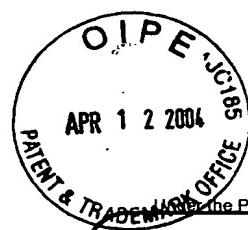
Kerri Richardson

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated July 17, 2003, kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows:



PTO/SB/21 (03-03)
Approved for use through 04/30/2003. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

TRANSMITTAL FORM

(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)

		Application Number	09/482,135
		Filing Date	January 12, 2000
		First Named Inventor	Kent E. Regnier
		Art Unit	2839
		Examiner Name	C. Prasad
Total Number of Pages in This Submission	12	Attorney Docket Number	99-247 US

ENCLOSURES <i>(Check all that apply)</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply <input type="checkbox"/> After Final <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request <input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers <input type="checkbox"/> Petition <input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Correspondence Address <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund <input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to a Technology Center (TC) <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to TC (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter <input type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below):
Remarks		
Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116		

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

Firm or Individual	Robert J. Zeitler
Signature	
Date	04/02/04

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231 on this date: 04/02/04

Typed or printed	Kerri Richardson
Signature	
	Date 04/02/04

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.